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Former Cruft School property available for city park use

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Meeting in regular monthly session Tuesday, the Terre Haute Park and Recreation Board was informed the Vigo County School Corp. has agreed to make the former Cruft School property available for use as a city park.

Now the Park and Recreation Department will have to start seeking monies to fund development of a park at that location, according to Patrick Dougherty, park superintendent.

The property is located on College Avenue between South Ninth and Eighth streets. The school recently was torn down.

A letter from Harmon Baldwin, superintendent of the VCSC, to an attorney for the school board stated the school board has agreed to turn the Cruft property over to the Vigo County Commissioners for the Vigo County Park and Recreation Board with the understanding the property will be leased or transferred without charge to the city department.

In other business Tuesday, the park board adopted a resolution establishing a joint ticket for senior citizens to

use at Hulman Links and Rea Park golf courses.

For \$75 the new ticket will allow senior citizens unlimited play at Rea Park and limited play at Hulman Links. The time covered at the Hulman course will be prior to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and prior to noon on Friday.

Dougherty pointed out that unlimited play at Hulman Links still could be covered by a \$150 ticket.

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Three areas of Terre Haute have a high priority need for parks, according to the Park Department's Master Plan. The Park Board, at its meeting last week, was able to arrange to provide two of these facilities immediately.

Parks for Farrington Grove and the Highland neighborhood should be available by spring. Plans have not yet been formulated finally to locate a park in the third area, Terre Town.

A park to serve Farrington Grove will be situated on the site of the former Cruft School. While this is adjacent to, and not within, the neighborhood, it is by far the nearest, best spot for a park, the board agreed.

Meeting earlier, the school board delayed its decision on disposition of the Cruft property in case the city could use it for a park. Now the school corporation will have to give the land to a county unit -- either the county park board or the commissioners -- whose boundaries are the same as the school corporation's. That agency in

turn can lease the land to the city for a nominal sum.

The park department is holding funds donated by Anaconda Industries to establish a park in the Highland area. Three lots identified for the project earlier changed hands before the city could purchase them. According to Pat Dougherty, park superintendent, the new owner bought the property to keep the park out.

Highland residents at the park board meeting said some neighbors fear a park will generate vandalism and crime. Dougherty explained that is not true; he also noted the larger the park, the more problems arise. "This will just be a small, neighborhood park," he said.

The board gave Dougherty authority to search for three lots for a Highland Park and to take an option-to-buy if he finds them. A neighborhood association will help the department by conducting a survey of nearby residents to see how they feel about a park and what recreational activities they believe are most needed in their area.

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City park officials said they will meet with the Vigo County School Corporation to discuss acquisition of the former Cruft School property.

The city park board said it would do whatever was necessary to acquire the property for development of a neighborhood park. The property is located on College Avenue between Ninth and Eighth streets.

Park board members were officially informed Tuesday the property proposed for development of a neighborhood park in Highland at 14½ Street and Lee Avenue was not for sale. City officials previously announced plans to develop a park there, but property owners said they do not want the park and the property is not for sale.

Park department workers said they would seek a different location for the park. Recently, Anaconda Industries gave the city \$5,594 for development of a neighborhood park.

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